

## Apprenticeship training

Apprenticeship is hands-on training for people who enjoy learning by doing. The training provides access to well-paying jobs that demand a high level of skills, judgement, and creativity. Apprentices are paid while gaining work experience, and their wages increase with their level of skills.

About 90 per cent of apprenticeship training is provided in the workplace by employers. The remainder involves classroom instruction on theory, which is usually given at a local community college or provided by another approved training organization.

To become an apprentice automotive service technician, an applicant must find an employer who is willing to train. Some employers advertise directly for Class "A" mechanics in local newspapers, but most jobs for automotive service technicians are rarely advertised, and employers often rely on word of mouth to attract applicants. People who want to become apprentices usually apply directly to an employer or a training committee of local employers.

Skilled workers who have received their training in Ontario can work anywhere in the province. Agreements among the provinces and territories allow skilled workers in certain trades to work anywhere in Canada. Training consultants at ministry apprenticeship offices can provide more information.

## For more information

If you have a question about apprenticeship training, call the Ontario government's Training Hotline at **1-888-JOBGROW**. In Toronto, call **(416) 326-5656**.

If you are in high school, talk to your guidance counsellor. If you are in college or university, contact your campus placement office for help.

To find out about a career as an automotive service technician, check out the Career Gateway at [www.youthjobs.gov.on.ca](http://www.youthjobs.gov.on.ca).

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### WHAT APPRENTICES AND SKILLED WORKERS SAY ABOUT APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

Apprenticeship training is relevant to the job I do now.

81 per cent

If faced with the same decision, I would choose to take apprenticeship training again.

85 per cent

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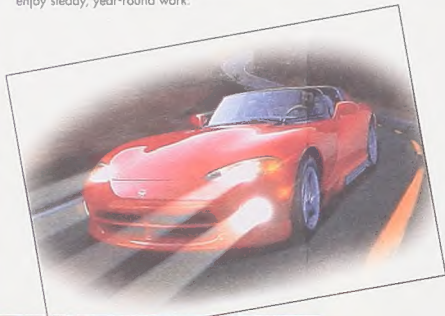
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## What do automotive service technicians do?

Automotive service technicians inspect, diagnose, repair, and service mechanical, electrical, and electronic systems and components of cars, buses, and trucks. They specialize in knowledge of engine and fuel systems; transmission systems; air conditioning, cooling, and heating systems; brakes; drive lines; suspension; electrical and electronic systems; or diagnostic services. Automotive service technicians enjoy steady, year-round work.



### FAST FACTS ON APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING FOR AN AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIAN

Length of time to train	Three to five years
Courses and skills that will help you prepare for a career as an automotive service technician	Math, science, communications skills, and a mechanical aptitude.
Salary range for apprentices and skilled automotive service technicians (overtime and bonuses not included)	\$16,600 to \$55,600

"When I go to work, every day there's something new to do and learn. New systems are being introduced every year, so you've got to keep ahead of new designs and use new technologies to help make a wide range of vehicles work at their best. That's what I really like – solving a vehicle's problems so it will drive better."

Milton Soares, Apprentice auto service technician



## The outlook for work as an automotive service technician

The introduction of new technology is bringing exciting change to the automotive industry and increasing opportunities for mechanics who can use computer-based technology. New vehicles are increasingly complex, often requiring electronic-based equipment to perform troubleshooting and testing tasks.

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